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[9 -16 Sep 87]

A period of feinting and maneuvering between ideological antagonists. Aircraft approach escorted groups and are chased away. Non-protected, non-escorted vessels subject to interdiction, harrassing activities and outright attacks. A small-boat/commando attack on a land facility on the west shore of a large body of water (the Gulf?). AOL/S impression of direct aircraft interdiction of a military facility (AOL missile site) somewhat inland on the eastern side of large body of water. Impression of a helicopter crash resulting in injuries/fatalities; body being hoisted from water. Serious damage to or destruction of a large maritime target located as indicated in sketch below--approximately 2/3 of way through the time window.



Impression is that the primary antagonist doesn't want to directly provoke the escorting power; can't afford the consequences direct provocation would bring, since loss of any resources in such an unproductive manner would seriously affect national goals or well-being. Intent is to keep escorting power pushed to the line, but no further, trying to wear down ability or desire to persist in current policy direction--attacking and wearing down low risk economic targets all around escorting power, but leaving the power itself alone.

[17-24 Sep 1987]

AOL/s of aircraft exploding in air, impression of missile contrail leading from afterdeck of surface vessel to aircraft. Impression of a vessel rescuing people from water around another vessel--perhaps burning. Doesn't seem to have been an escorted vessel but an "object lesson"--victimized in vicinity of escorting and escorted vessels as form of intimidation. Brief impression of submarine; further impression of ships sitting idly because of admin or bureaucratic holdup.

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